

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**January 14, 2013**

The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville met on regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2013 in the City Council Chambers, Room 301 Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana, with President Connie Robinson presiding. The following business was conducted.

**These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Audiotapes of this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson.

There being nine (9) members present and zero (0) members absent and nine (9) members representing a quorum, I hereby declare this session of the Common Council officially open.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

This evening the pledge of allegiance is led by Councilwoman Mosby.

Fellow Councilmen and those in the audience, welcome to the January 14, 2013 meeting of the Common Council.

### **TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Hugh Ehrensbeck, Beronica Ricketts, Lexie Shue.

### **COUNCIL ATTORNEY**

This evening Scott Danks is City Council Attorney.

### **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

This evening there is no Sergeant at Arms.

### **READING AND AMENDMENT OF MINUTES**

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting of the Common Council as written?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held January 7, 2013 as written. Voice vote. So ordered.

### **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **IN YOUR JANUARY 11th PACKET:**

- \*City Council Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2013.
- \*City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 7, 2013.
- \*Rezoning Ordinances R-2013-1 and R-2013-2.
- \*Area Plan Commission Field Staff Reports and Minutes of the APC Meeting Held December 13, 2012.
- \*Information from Allied Waste.

#### **ON YOUR DESK THIS EVENING:**

- \*Financial Report dated November 2012.
- \*Voice Report (Creating Evansville's Future).

**President Robinson:** We have Lynn Miller Pease in the audience tonight but we just received our Voice report tonight so we haven't had a chance to look over it. I ask that she give us a report, verbal report, the first meeting in February.

Can I have a motion to receive, file and make these reports...

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Mosby seconded the motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting. Voice vote. So ordered.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

**President Robinson:** Last week I made the appointments but I didn't do the people on the committee. I didn't announce who would be on the committee.

#### **Administration/Safety/Development (A.S.D.)**

**Committee Chair: Councilwoman Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley**

Members: President Connie Robinson, Council Minority Representative Dan McGinn, Councilman John Friend, Councilman Al Lindsey.

#### **Public Works Committee:**

**Committee Chair: Councilman Conor O'Daniel**

Members: President Connie Robinson, Council Minority Representative Dan McGinn, Councilman Dan Adams, Councilman Jonathan Weaver.

#### **Finance Committee:**

**Committee Chair: Councilman John Friend**

Members: President Connie Robinson, Council Minority Representative Dan McGinn, Councilman Dan Adams, Councilwoman Missy Mosby

#### **Finance Subcommittee Chair of Youth Sports Grants:**

**Committee Chair: Councilwoman Missy Mosby**

Councilman Dan McGinn, Councilman Jonathan Weaver, Councilman Dan Adams, Councilman John Friend.

#### **Finance Subcommittee Chair of Youth Leadership Grants:**

**Committee Chair: Councilman Al Lindsey**

Councilman Dan McGinn, Councilman Conor O'Daniel, Councilman Dan Adams, Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley.

Also, I put on your desk tonight the City Council liaison to the City offices for 2013 and I also dropped one off at the mayor's office. I'd personally like to thank everyone that was a liaison last year and that they did an outstanding job. Also I'd like to thank Councilwoman Mosby for working with the City Garage during the flooding, and I read on Facebook, that's how everybody communicates, all the people that thanked you for checking in the 2nd Ward, and I think you received some calls from some other wards. You are the liaison with the City Garage and we appreciate you doing that.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE R-2013-1 TO APC**

**R-2 to R-4**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 317 S. Rotherwood Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714

Petitioner: Buckingham Companies  
Owners: University of Evansville  
Representative: Matthew Griffin, Buckingham Companies  
District: Missy Mosby, Ward 2

**ORDINANCE R-2013-2 TO APC**

**R-1 to C-4 with U&D Comm.**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 601 E. Mill Road, Evansville, Indiana 47711

Petitioner: Bethany Christian Church  
Owners: Same  
Representative: Leslie C. Shively, Attorney  
District: John Friend, Ward 5

**President Robinson:** Is there a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as written?

Councilman Adams moved and Councilman Lindsey seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as written. Voice vote. So ordered.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECOND READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE R-2012-20 FROM APC**

**R-5 to C-1**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 400 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Petitioner: Nicholas Goodman  
Owners: Same  
Representative: Same  
District: Connie Robinson, Ward 4

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 12 affirmative votes.

**ORDINANCE R-2012-21 FROM APC**

**M-3 to R-2**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 1614 Missouri Street

Petitioner: Melinda Sanford  
Owners: Same  
Representative: Earl Sanford  
District: Al Lindsey, Ward 6

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 12 affirmative votes.

**ORDINANCE R-2012-22 FROM APC**

**R-2 to C-4**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 1301 N. Fares Ave. Evansville, Indiana 47711

Petitioner: Bob Foster  
Owners: Same  
Representative: Steven L. Bohleber  
District: Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley, Ward 3

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 12 affirmative votes.

**ORDINANCE R-2012-23 FROM APC**

**C-1 to C-2**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 4620 Covert Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714

Petitioner: Covert Properties, LLC  
Owners: William T. Bracket  
Representative: Amy E. Steinhart, Attorney-at-Law  
District: Dan McGinn, Ward 1

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 12 affirmative votes.

**President Robinson:** Is there a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Second Reading of Zoning Ordinances and to accept the Area Plan Commission Report?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and to accept the Area Plan Commission report. Voice vote. So ordered.

Council now stands at Third Reading of Zoning Ordinances, which is final action.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE R-2012-20 FROM APC**

**R-5 to C-1**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 400 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Petitioner: Nicholas Goodman

**President Robinson:** Mr. Goodman, you can come forward. Please state your name and your address.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Nicholas Goodman, 400 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**President Robinson:** Okay, tell us a little bit about your project.

**Nicholas Goodman:** I have converted a home that was built in 1889. It was formerly a Fetter property; it was a duplex. Basically we saved the house. After getting into and finding out what was wrong with it, I was surprised that it didn't kind of fall down or burn down. So we've converted into...the whole main floor is a four-chair beauty and barber shop for men and women and my wife and I have an apartment in the upstairs of the place.

I brought a PowerPoint that I can show if you are interested in seeing it, if not we can kind of just...

**President Robinson:** Yes, please.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Sounds like it is not working...sorry for the time it is taking. First, I'd like first to introduce myself. I was kind of born and raised here in town. I grew up on the west side; went to Reitz High School. I went to the University of Southern Indiana as an art student; got an art degree. I spent that time during college as a carpenter doing restoration work on a lot of houses downtown and that's kind of what led me to...the location of this project was to save one, kind of rehab one of these old houses downtown.

So I moved away a couple of times and came back. We just recently came back here from Portland about two years ago to kind of start a business and to buy a house and start a family. So kind of in search for the properties downtown, I started looking at old pictures of Evansville and I was kind of inspired by all the kind of Mom and Pop shops, the hustle and bustle of the old downtown.

*(Mr. Goodman experiencing difficulty with the equipment for the presentation)*

So I just click on the photo? Mine doesn't look like this at all.

I'll just click through them. That's fine.

So the old photos...

**President Robinson:** Click on the slideshow, I think is what she said. At the very top...

**Nicholas Goodman:** There we go, okay, now we are rolling.

So the stuff that I always hoped for in Evansville and always wanted, I kind of found in these old pictures. Streets full of hustle and bustle, a lot of things going on downtown and kind of the way that it used to be, I want to be a part of bringing some of that back. And you know, we need to focus on the small businesses downtown and kind of have a self-sustaining community where we spend our money down the street and if this guy, you know, buys his lunch down the street at a local restaurant and spends his money down there...so this is my project, Old Town Beauty and Barber and this is the house we started with. This is kind of a "before" shot. I am just going to run through these pretty quickly just to kind of show you. Most of this is a bunch of "before and after" shots of the house just to kind of show you what we went through. Doing all this, under our own accord as well, with kind of no help and just a small loan from mom and dad back there.

It was kind of a dump when we bought the place so it's taken a lot of structural work...kitchen going in upstairs.

**President Robinson:** It looks nice. Wow. Real nice job.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Carpet in the bathrooms that we started with. So I'm kind of taking it back, trying to keep very much with the integrity of the style of home that it is. Like I said, I

used to do restoration work on these old houses and I kind of have a love for them and try to save them.

**President Robinson:** Did I hear you say you did all this work yourself?

**Nicholas Goodman:** I did, yeah. Between me, and Dad helped quite a bit, and a handful of friends and my wife, yeah. So it's gone on for about a year and a half, the remodel, start to finish. We didn't get to move until about halfway through the project when we had the upstairs done.

**Councilman Weaver:** Was that tile in the bathroom under the carpet?

**Nicholas Goodman:** No. That actually all came completely out. All new electrical and plumbing, all new heating and air so at one point in that bathroom, you can see the basement.

This is the main...this is part of the salon area, some structural work that we have done there. I want to get to the good "after" pictures.

So is the front desk. This will be the front entrance to the shop. It's going to be just a four-chair salon, a couple shampoo bowls, (*Inaudible*) style dressers for the stations.

**President Robinson:** Are you the only barber in the shop?

**Nicholas Goodman:** Well apparently, yeah, I haven't done any of my hiring yet just because I'm kind of waiting to go through this but yeah, there will be three to four others of us.

This was a pretty nasty area...(*Inaudible*)...an old bathroom that leaked for 50 years (*Inaudible*) and this is now that room. This is the break room, kind of color-mixing area. Shop bathroom, which was a closet at one point at the beginning. This is front porch before the remodel...a little "in progress" view. And that's pretty much what I was able to get done before the weather got me, as well as running out of money.

**President Robinson:** Yeah, you did an outstanding job.

**Nicholas Goodman:** I guess some of the questions I do have...is there...did you have my, I guess, my map view, was it pulled up on the drawing that I made? I know it was in the Area Plan. That's the site plan, yeah.

So this is my parking lot I have next door. It's actually three total addresses...the house and then the lot was two addresses and has been turned into a parking lot. I guess that was a parking lot that Madeleine's had used.

I did question marks there at the...where it would be looking like a Second Street entrance. I currently do not have a Second Street entrance. I only can enter the parking lot through the alley and I wanted to bring that up as a possibility or who do ask permission or how do I begin that process and is there any funding available for anything like that.

**President Robinson:** Well you were doing good until you asked that last question.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Well I tried to slip it in there somewhere.

**President Robinson:** You were batting 9-0 and then...

**Councilman O'Daniel:** I mean it says that this is in a TIF district and it would be for commercial development. You could potentially ask for something. It think that's the Redevelopment Commission, isn't it?

**Nicholas Goodman:** Would that be an Area Plan question?

**President Robinson:** I think you would fall in...I think it would be Redevelopment Commission.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Redevelopment (*Inaudible*).

**Nicholas Goodman:** I didn't want it to hinge on that whole project because I put in the notes...requesting an entrance. If I get one, awesome. If I can't, I don't want that stop me from doing it.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** You might want to talk to the Department of Metropolitan Development.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Pardon?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Metropolitan Development.

**President Robinson:** And I think I see a...I think the Neighborhood President...I think Pam was...I think Pam has said she wanted to talk to Phil Hooper. She's back there. So your neighbors are all in support of you.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Good

**President Robinson:** So that's something that...maybe set-up a meeting. And I see Dennis is back there with her so that is something we can bring up with Mr. Hooper.

**Nicholas Goodman:** His haircut looks pretty good.

**President Robinson:** Okay. Are there any remonstrators in the audience? Anybody that's in support of this project in the audience? Will you please stand. Okay, thank you.

Okay, thank you. Are there any questions from any Council members?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Did you give any covenants other than C-1? I mean, did you limit it only to a barber shop or anything...

**Nicholas Goodman:** Not necessarily. That was just what they suggested to me as my best use for what I was wanting to do. I don't know what other options there are that would work better, suiting what I'm doing or if there is one.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Well it would just limit what could potentially go in there. There are a lot of uses for C-1. It looks like you've made this home and this is a labor of love for you but in the event that you would ever sell or something, there are a number of things it could be and it would forever be that.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Is the C-1 a little more restrictive then for that or...

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Less restrictive.

**President Robinson:** Less restrictive.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** I think I just bring that up, you know, I mean obviously we are in a historical area and there's, while an Old Town barber shop works great for that, you know, there are some things that might not.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Sure, sure. Well when I add the equipment into it I'll probably never be able to sell it so I may have to pass it to my grandchildren.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** And I guess from that standpoint, I asked some of the people that supported this if you understand that if this is rezoned, we are not going back on that and there are many different uses that it could be and if that changes your mind at all.

Okay, very well.

**President Robinson:** Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2012-20 and call the roll?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance R-2012-20 and call the roll.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

**President Robinson:** There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance R-2012-20 is hereby declared adopted.

Congratulations and good luck.

**Nicholas Goodman:** Thank you.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES**

#### **ORDINANCE R-2012-21 FROM APC**

**M-3 to R-2**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 1614 W. Missouri Street

Petitioner: Melinda Sanford

**President Robinson:** State your name and address please.

**Melinda Sanford:** Melinda Sanford, 1614 W. Missouri Street, Evansville, Indiana, 47710.



**President Robinson:** Okay, could you give us some information on your zoning please.

**Melinda Sanford:** Yeah. We are zoned M-3 and I am having a hard time refinancing the home. The banks won't touch it with it being zoned M-3 so that's why I'm here.

**President Robinson:** You just need...so just a down-zone, just a down-zone. This one is easy. Are there any questions from any Council members? Is there anyone in the audience for or against this?

Is there a motion to adopt?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman Weaver seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance R-2012-21 and call the roll.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

**President Robinson:** There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance R-2012-21 is hereby declared adopted.

Thank you.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES**

#### **ORDINANCE R-2012-22 FROM APC**

**R-2 to C-4**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 1301 N. Fares Ave. Evansville, Indiana 47711

Petitioner: Bob Foster

**Steven Bohleber:** Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is Steve Bohleber and Mr. Foster is here with me. Actually, the petitioner is the American Legion, Eugene Pate Post 265 and Bob is the current Post Commander.

I don't have a PowerPoint but there is one thing I can guarantee you, I won't be here as long this evening as I was last month.

I do represent the post and they are seeking to rezone this property to bring it into conformity with the current rezoning of the major portion of their operation to expand it along N. Fares Ave. The post has owned three parking lots for a significant period of time parallel Fares and adjoin the current property. It's simply going to allow expansion of the use for the post, primarily and outdoor pavilion adjacent to the primary structure. The map that was enclosed showed virtually all the property and the area is either C-4 or industrial.

My client spoke to the neighbors before he even came to see me. We know of no opposition. The only thing I've heard from any neighbors in communication with them is the president of the neighborhood association called and indicated the neighborhood association supported this and had no opposition to it. They asked if there was any need for them to come here tonight and I indicated I did not think so but they wanted me to pass that along.

And as the City Clerk indicated, this does come to you with a unanimous do-pass recommendation from the Area Plan Commission.

Bob and I are here to answer any questions you may have and with that, I'll ask for a positive vote from each of you.

**President Robinson:** Are there any questions from any Council members? Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against this project?

Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2012-22 and call the roll?

Councilman Weaver moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance R-2012-22 and call the roll.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

**President Robinson:** There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance R-2012-22 is hereby declared adopted.

**Steven Bohleber:** Thank you all. Have a good evening.

**President Robinson:** Thanks a lot.

**Bob Foster:** Thank you all. You'll make all our family members happy. They'll have some place to go.

**President Robinson:** Oh well we are glad we could make somebody happy. Yeah, you can come back anytime.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES**

##### **ORDINANCE R-2012-23 FROM APC**

**C-1 to C-2**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 4620 Covert Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714

Petitioner: Covert Properties, LLC

**President Robinson:** State your name.

**Skip Seaman:** My name is Skip Seaman, 875 S. Redbank Rd.

**Dilip Patel:** Dilip Patel, 7844 E. Oak.

**President Robinson:** Okay. You want to give us a little information about your project.

**Skip Seaman:** This is basically a change of zoning for a liquor store that's been a liquor store for 41 years. It was Shamrock; it's now part of the Liquor Locker group. We are doing a little

bit of remodeling here and there. The main reason for the change is so we could put a big sign out front that says that we are here, and hopefully, it will be successful at that corner.

**President Robinson:** Okay, are there any questions? Anybody for or against this?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** What kind of sign are you putting out there that doesn't exist right now?

**Skip Seaman:** It's an electronic message board.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Electronic message board.

**Skip Seaman:** It's kind of like what we have at our Morgan store if you've driven past that one.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Yeah, okay.

**President Robinson:** Yeah, good.

Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2012-23 and call the roll?

Councilman Weaver moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance R-2012-23 and call the roll.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

**President Robinson:** There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance R-2012-23 is hereby declared adopted

**Skip Seaman:** Thank you.

**President Robinson:** Congratulations

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**President Robinson:** There will not be a City Council Meeting next Monday, January 21, 2013 because it is City observed Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. There are no committee meetings scheduled for January 28, 2013.

#### **Approval of the Mayor's Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission:**

**President Robinson:** We need a motion to approve the following Mayor's appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission. We do this every year. He is reappointing Pam Guthrie, Jody Phillips, and Eric Renschler, all to serve for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Mosby seconded the motion to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission. Voice vote. So ordered. Thank you.

**President Robinson:** Debbie Dewey will give us the GAGE Report for 2012.

**Debbie Dewey:** My tech support just walked out the door I think.

**President Robinson:** Laura is pretty good at that.

**Debbie Dewey:** I promise I'm not taking 45 minutes. Okay, for the record, I'm Debbie Dewey, president of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville and I'm here as part of the requirement for the services contract that we have with the City of Evansville to give an update on the activities that we've done with Economic Development, and I will be quick, I promise.

Our strategic areas of focus...as you know, we kind of did an overhaul about two years ago, our Incubation, Attraction, Retention, and Expansion. What we are doing is to focus in on those companies today or in the future will have their productions and services sold outside Vanderburgh County, so we are truly bringing in that wealth that will create wealth for our retail businesses.

One of the things I think is important to recognize is that in 2006, new businesses created nearly 675,000 jobs in the U.S. and that has dropped approximately 30% so we have to help our local entrepreneurs start businesses as well. We can't just be looking at attracting the next big Toyota or something like that. We have to help our existing businesses expand as well as start new businesses and that's what we've been focusing on.

I think one of the other things that we focused on was how do we go about some kind of transformational change. The USI business school has been researching some regional growth statistics and they have found that southwest Indiana's growth rate, measured by population, per capita income, and employment has been slower than the national average for the last 30 years and so we haven't even met the national average with growth. Some of those faster growing communities are accelerating their growth, so we have to do what we've done well, and we also have to continue to look at new things.

In 2012 we worked with companies and entrepreneurs that are adding 425 jobs over the next few years and that is producing a positive economic impact in our community of \$120,000,000 per year, and we add that to our results in 2011 and we've landed projects that will add almost 1400 jobs with a positive impact of \$280,000,000 a year.

We processed 420 requests for assistance in 2012 and that's everything from responding to a large corporation with a request for information to helping an inventor develop a plan to go after some seed funding to even helping a business go after a new sign through the design review process. And if we add that to the results in 2011, we've assisted 764 businesses and entrepreneurs in the last two years with all kinds of help. I think that's quite a bit for the small staff we have.

In 2012 we worked 80 large attraction projects and 40 retention and expansion projects. At any given time, we have 15 to 20 open projects that we are working. I think I've told the Council before that we have to keep the pipeline full because we have to kiss a lot of frogs to find the prince. You never know which one of those projects is going to land but we have to have that 15 to 20 active at all time.

Some of the other things that we are doing is try and do different things to attract these companies. We had a German automotive parts manufacturer in just, I guess it was just last week. In fact they are looking at multiple sites in seven states. Their site selector consultant told us that we had the most comprehensive meeting that they had yet had with all of the states that they've been looking at. We brought in the utilities, we brought in the universities, we brought in the community colleges, we brought in local builders who could talk about how fast they could get a new building built. We even referenced the sister-city program and the fact that we have relationships with German companies and folks there. We also talked about USI having a new advanced manufacturing lab that has German-made equipment. It is the only one in this hemisphere. We really just pulled out all the stops and the feedback we are getting is that we are more comprehensive, in terms of our presentation, our communities than a lot of other places that they are going to visit.

As far as business retention and expansion, again very important. We made contact with 50 existing businesses in 2012. We conducted a survey of our existing businesses and found that 77% of the respondents indicate that they are going to expand their local facilities in the next few years. Of those responses, 80% indicate plans to add new jobs and capital investment and 53% indicate expansion plans that could add additional square footage as well.

We also offered another session of Kaufman Foundation Growth Venture. I don't know if you are familiar with that. It's kind of a...I call it a thirty-hour MBA. It's targeted it at existing businesses that have gotten past maybe that five-year point. They are still alive and they have some growth opportunities. But what they have found is that two-thirds of small businesses are owned and started by people who don't have a business training or education background. They are usually Liberal Arts trained or technically trained so what the Kaufman Foundation program does is to take these businesses through a very intense course. We have...I'm certified to teach it as well as Dan Arens on the GAGE board. We've now taken 33 businesses through that in the last few years. On average, Kaufman tells us, the businesses that go through this will add four to six employees each. So again, we are focusing on existing businesses as well as attraction.

We processed 15 design reviews and six tax phase-ins, and of course did the tax phase-in compliance reporting. We also developed an Evansville stat book, and this was trying to pull together all the information we could about our communities: the workforce size, the wage rates, tax information, quality of life, educational institutions, and the state rankings. We included our largest employers and even testimonials from companies who had recently landed in Evansville. This has become a very valuable tool for us to start sending out to sell our community.

On technology transfer, most recently a study released by Engine Advocacy titled *Technology Works* ranked Evansville as a tech hotspot and it's in the top 25 among the fastest growing metro areas for high-tech jobs in the nation. Attracting companies like SS & C Technologies, working to help local based technology companies to expand and using the tech transfer that we have with the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Crane to help incubate new businesses is what is putting Evansville on the map nationally, in terms of our high-tech job growth. In 2012, GAGE received the Federal Lab Consortium Partnership award, a national recognition for our tech transfer work.

We sponsored Evansville's first start-up weekend, providing local entrepreneurs with resources to support rapid business incubation and we are still working with many of those entrepreneurs.

We participate as a member of the Executive Committee for the I69 Technology Corridor Initiative, trying to further the Federal Lab Technology and stem education so that we have a technology corridor here in southwestern Indiana.

We've initiated pitch practice where we've let local inventors and entrepreneurs come and pitch their business ideas so we can give them feedback and get them ready to go after seed funding and capital investment.

We sponsor local organizers to produce events like Tech on Tap where we are trying to bring together angel investors, entrepreneurs, and business mentors to again get that whole incubation and entrepreneurial ecosystem going here in Evansville.

We also still support the Downtown Commercial Corridor. We do the downtown walking map, the Devour Downtown website, we maintain inventories of available office space and businesses downtown, we maintain the state's Main Street and Certified Technology Park certification, and we also produce the fireworks and still support the Farmer's Market as well.

In terms of sources of funding, our primary source of funds is the rental income from the operation of Innovation Point, which is now at 98+% occupancy. It's followed by our public service contracts with the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County. We also have private investment from local companies, some small grants, and had also used some Certified Technology Park funds in 2012.

As far as the uses for that funding, primarily it's for the operation of Innovation Point and then after that followed by the Business Attraction, Retention Expansion and Incubation.

So I went about as fast as I could go but I hope you'll recognize that just in 2012 alone, 425 jobs, \$120,000,000 (*Inaudible*) positive impact, 420 businesses and entrepreneurs assisted, that we feel the City and the County are getting a significant return on their investment in the Growth Alliance, so we hope you'll continue to support it.

**President Robinson:** In the last two years, how many businesses have graduated, I guess, from the Incubator?

**Debbie Dewey:** We've had...we've got two that have graduated. What we have done with Innovation Point is we didn't have that many who were coming in as start-ups and we used the one floor for SS & C Technologies so we've used Innovation Point for two purposes. Not only for incubation of new companies but also as attraction for some companies to give them start-up space here locally.

**President Robinson:** Okay.

**Councilman Adams:** Debbie, how big is this data book that you were talking about?

**Debbie Dewey:** It's not huge. What we've been doing is to try and put all the data we've got kind of in a server and we can put together kind of customized stat book for the project. I mean we have some generic ones but we are also trying to work on our individual sheets that maybe focus on the plastics industry, the automotive...

**Councilman Adams:** Particular kinds of businesses.

**Debbie Dewey:** Right, particular so that we can add that to the generic...

**Councilman Adams:** Tailored to...would you be kind enough to send us all...

**Debbie Dewey:** I sure would.

**Councilman Adams:** I'd be fascinated to see what's in there.

**Debbie Dewey:** We've got it on the website but what I'll do is also send you an email.

**Councilman Adams:** Okay, that'll be super. Thank you.

**President Robinson:** Any questions? Councilwoman Riley.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Yeah, thank you. Debbie, you and I had met not too long ago and one of the things we talked about was, I can't remember how many pages it is, but our form for the City of Evansville in terms seeking incentives...is it 10 pages?

**Debbie Dewey:** Fifteen.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Fifteen. And the State of Indiana's is one...

**Debbie Dewey:** Two.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Two pages, and one of the things we had talked about...and I think the County has a separate form...

**Debbie Dewey:** Right.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** And we had talked about potentially redoing that and looking at our old...looking at our scoring system and looking at these 15 pages and trying to get it down into a workable for because right now when you get a business that's interested, you fill out the form for them.

**Debbie Dewey:** Right. What we do is to try and be business friendly. We tell them to fill out the two-page State form and as things are moving along, it looks like they are going to land here, it looks like we've got support for the incentive package, then we go back and fill that form out for them and kind of let them sign it because we don't want them...for us to not look business friendly.

But we do...we have gone through those processes for both City and County and we do have some recommendations that I hope we will bring before the Council this year to try and streamline that process a little bit. The State's done a good job of streamlining their process and I think we can too.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Thank you.

**President Robinson:** Councilman Lindsey.

**Councilman Lindsey:** Hey Debbie, this form, this fifteen-page application that you're are talking about, is a lot of it restrictions like from the County or from the City as far as like codes? Is it coming from the Building Commissioners?

**Debbie Dewey:** No, no...it's just...

**Councilman Lindsey:** Am I in the wrong area here?

**Debbie Dewey:** No, I'll tell you what it is, it's just...it's old. It has, you know, tell me all about your business tell me what you do...I mean just a whole lot of data that 90% of what you use I think to make a decision on whether or not you going to give incentives, you get in the State form which is about a page and a half. So I think this is just something that's old and we just need to update it and really get the information from the company that's pertinent to the decision making that you have to do.

**Councilman Lindsey:** I just want to make sure it wasn't like restrictions we are a putting on these companies that deter them from possibly thinking about coming here. Okay, thank you.

**Debbie Dewey:** When I first started the job I kind of tried to slip the State in, I think the first tax phase-in, and they told me that apparently the 15-page application is by ordinance, so we still have to fill it out.

**Councilman Lindsey:** By ordinance?

**Debbie Dewey:** It's by ordinance. But I mean, those are the kinds of things that I think we can bring forward with some recommendations and have the Council look at.

**President Robinson:** Any other questions?

I notice that you do the, I guess, the Fourth of July fireworks and the Farmer's Market. That seems like that doesn't go along with everything you're doing. Does it take up too much of your time or...

**Debbie Dewey:** Well, I mean we've whittled it down, how much time, and we are trying to do some things with the Farmer's Market. We are hoping in another year or so they will have a stand-alone association and we can kind of push them out of the nest. We are working on that. As for as the fireworks, does anybody want it? We just...you know, nobody wants to not have a fireworks display on the riverfront in Evansville and right now we are doing it and nobody's waving their arms to take it over so...

**President Robinson:** It just doesn't seem like it goes along with everything else you're doing.

**Debbie Dewey:** I would agree 100%.

**President Robinson:** It doesn't compliment you.

Okay, any questions from anyone in the audience?



Well Debbie, I think you guys are doing a great job and keep bringing companies into Evansville and working with existing companies.

**Debbie Dewey:** Thank you.

**President Robinson:** Thanks a lot.

**Councilman Adams:** Thanks Debbie.

**President Robinson:** Well, well, Allied Waste. Mr. Chamberlain.

**Todd Chamberlain:** If you don't mind, I'd also like to bring Rick Turbeville, our new general manager.

**President Robinson:** Okay. Yeah I think Todd, you're going to tell us how the new collection is coming along.

**Todd Chamberlain:** Absolutely. Yes, I wanted to, in the interest of providing as much information as I can to the Council members as well as review the information that we have provided to the residents of the City of Evansville regarding the new 96-gallon cart program for both MSW and recycling. I actually requested that this information be put into your packets and I hope you've taken a couple of minutes to just quickly peruse this information.

This specific information, including a letter from the current administration, is a general document outlining the care of the Toter®...container. It is also in Spanish for those in our community who are bilingual. And then also the Republic Services brochure that highlights some of their most frequently asked questions as well as some guidance and some guidelines regarding placement of the carts, what goes in the carts, and where to place those carts on your collection day is included in this packet.

This packet actually is hung on each individual cart as it's delivered to the home. It is in conjunction with the Day Change mailer card, that would have gone to all City of Evansville residents about two to three weeks ago, alerting them of what we went from in the City of Evansville, from a four-day collection to actually a five-day collection. Both trash and recycling will be collected on the same day and there are a couple of points that I would like to clarify.

As we've developed the program and as we are starting to deliver the carts, we've come across a couple of questions that are somewhat consistent and I'd like to go ahead and address those at this time.

Number one, all the carts are being delivered to the curbside. The reason for that is because we have to be able to see the addresses. If we were to deliver them in the alleyways, the cart delivery teams would not be able to identify which address is at each house, thereby we would not be able to log the serial numbers and the serial numbers tie to each individual address. So we do have some accountability in that once all the carts, 84,000 carts, are out in the community, we will have a serial number that ties to each one of those for trash and recycle and that was in fact delivered to a particular address. We've had a number of questions as to why aren't you taking my carts to the alley where they are supposed to be and the response simply is, in the interest of

getting 84,000 carts out in three months-time to every resident within the City limits, we have to be able to see that address. So we are delivering to the curbside but collections will remain in the alleyway if you have an alley.

That is the second phase of most of our questions in that I had the opportunity to speak with one Councilperson today in fact regarding where to place that material. That seems to be a consistent question. People, we need to do a better job of communicating to those who are speaking with us that if you have an alleyway, your collection for both trash and recycling remains in the alleyway. That's a change from where we are today where recycle is curbside; trash is alleyway. If you do not have an alleyway and you are already curbside collection, you'll stay collection at the curbside. So it's really just a clarification there of that bit of information but those have been a consistent couple of questions.

So with that, I would also bring to you, we are...cart deliveries have gone so far so good, We've got approximately 1200 carts that were in the pilot program that had to come out first. Those carts are going to be re...those are actually owned by the City, currently. They are going to be reused and put into parks and we are going to be replacing...getting the 55 gallon barrels, the unsightly barrels that...take those out of the park. The park is going to be using those 96-gallon carts. Lids stay attached, reduces odor, less likely to blow over, those types of things so we'll see those changes here in the next...I'm not directly responsible for putting those carts out there. That would be the Parks Department but I've already seen that happen in Wesselmans, in Garvin, out at Kley Meyer and also...what was that other one?

**Councilman Weaver:** Akin

**Todd Chamberlain:** Akin, yes. So there are some improvements. We want to bring some information to you, update you from time to time and certainly answer any questions that you may have.

**President Robinson:** Any questions? Yes, Councilwoman Riley.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Yeah, this is what my experience has been so far. Last week no one picked up my trash.

**Todd Chamberlain:** Okay.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Picked it up across the street. We don't have the new trash cans yet but no one picked up my trash last week. No one picked up my neighbors' trash last week. I didn't know...I thought...I wasn't sure what to think. I didn't get a postcard that told me when I was going to...what my pick-up day was so I put it out last Wednesday morning like I typically do and no one picked it up and I left it out. I thought, well, maybe they'll come back for it. They picked up the people across the streets trash; we will see how it goes. And then Thursday night, apparently some kind of animal got into it. And so now if you come to my house, because it rained Friday, Saturday, you know rained or we had we had snow so now I trash strewn from the street to my driveway, all through my side yard. My husband and I are going to draw straws to see who has to go out and pick it up and I really...and I understand that President Robinson had an issue too in terms of part of her trash was picked up but not all of it and if there are two of nine of us, I'm just curious...I didn't notice anybody else...

Maybe it was the cookies. You know the last pick-up...every year for the trash guys I put something out and this year...

**President Robinson:** They didn't like your cookies.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I made chocolate chip cookies and the week before I put out this big thing of chocolate chip cookies that I'd made myself and they took them. I mean they were gone and then next week nobody took by trash and I thought well maybe the cookies were bad.

**Todd Chamberlain:** I can assure you that the cookies should not have any effect of whether or not you get your trash collected as it should be. What I would like to do is offer an explanation but I don't know if that's in fact what this instance is. Regardless, it is our responsibility to collect the trash; it's our responsibility to collect the recycles. We have had a day change and we did in fact mail cards to all the residents' addresses that we were provided. We used the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility billing list, of which we verified based on physical, in the field review, but if in the event you did not get a day change Ma'am, my apologies to you. I will insure that you get the information that you need. I will insure that you get your trash picked up, as I believe Ms. Robinson, she can attest that we did that taken care of the other day.

**President Robinson:** Yeah.

**Todd Chamberlain:** If there is a day...there is the issue of the day change, most people in the City of Evansville did experience a day change. There was also the effect of the holiday week plus one day that we did delay operations because of the weather so in the first two weeks...the first week of the new year, we did see some of those instances. That is not obviously the normal. The day delay for holidays, that's expected but we did have the extra day there.

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*(Inaudible)* apologies. We'll insure that we get that cleaned up.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** No, and I actually have very little complaint about the guys that normally pick up my trash. I think they do a fantastic job but I...what I...and the reason I bring it up is this letter from Winnecke, and I think you've got some contact information, and I know that I probably could have called you up and said, "Hey, why hasn't somebody come and picked up my trash?" But I thought, what would a normal person do under this situation. Is this phone number, the 424-3345...

**Todd Chamberlain:** That is right.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:**...where a resident should call if they...because that's why I left it out, I thought well maybe I missed something and my day is changed so I'll go ahead and leave the trash out, which obviously was a mistake because the neighbors' dog I think ate through it.

**Councilman Weaver:** Has the Courier done an article on this?

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** No, I didn't call the Courier. John, you going to run and article about my trash not being picked up?

**Councilman Weaver:** Well not about that. Just to explain a little bit better, you know, so people understand what's going on.

**President Robinson:** Yeah, I think there was an article initially.

**Councilman Weaver:** Was there?

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I think there's been quite a bit of information.

**Councilman Weaver:** It's just a minor hiccup and they will straighten everything out.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Yeah, and I agree I just wondered, I just want to make it since we are on television, we do have some viewers, that the 424-3345 is the phone number if anybody else is out there that is having an experience where their trash wasn't picked up, they should call. Because last week I thought...my daughter had stomach flu on Thursday and Friday so it kind of just got pushed to the side in terms of dealing with the trash, but normally I would have called and I...and that would be the number (*Inaudible*).

**Todd Chamberlain:** in addition to the standard customer service line that is available, you can also go to [alliedwasteevansville.com](http://alliedwasteevansville.com), you can also log in both comments and complaints or issues that we need to look at. You can log that information in there or also find additional information on the Evansville GIS site, which is where all of the day change information is as well as the heavy trash and spring and fall clean-ups for yard waste. That information is all residing within the City's website. We link to that site simply because you have more capabilities through the GIS site. I want to personally thank the City for allowing us to work with the GIS system people because they were just great to work with and this makes a seamless information database for all the residents in Evansville to go to one source and see it tied right in with the property and all the other layers that they have ready so it worked out real well.

**President Robinson:** Councilman O'Daniel.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Todd, I noticed in this and perhaps it was published before but I missed it; it's \$100 for an additional cart. That's not a deposit or anything of that nature, correct?

**Todd Chamberlain:** No, that's...

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Does it run with the house or is that something...

**Todd Chamberlain:** It stays with the house and here's something to consider when people start deciding how many carts they need. When you look at what you generate in your standard residential home, and it states this in the brochure here, about 75% of the items that you throw away can be recycled. It is one of the things and one of the important factors in taking the two larger carts because when you do start to remove the material, the pop bottles, the aluminum cans, the paper, the cardboard, you take that out of the trash and put it in the recycling where it should go, then that gives you more room for that. But, in the event that someone needs an additional cart, and this is an instance where a family may be simply extremely large and you've

got more trash than you are going to be able to get rid of, for that \$100 charge, that covers the additional cart, it covers the delivery, the assembly and maintenance for cart for the entire ten-year period so when you look at the...it does not change the monthly rate though. In no way does it change the monthly rate.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Well, and I guess my question is this, you know, although this has been discussed for a year, the real effect of the change is now, and it does take people time, especially if you have a family of six or seven.

**Todd Chamberlain:** Sure.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** And for the vast majority of the people, a 96-gallon trashcan will take care of their waste.

**Todd Chamberlain:** That is correct.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** But there are those that are the exceptions and generally, those with exceptions are larger families. You know, perhaps they put their recyclables such as, you know, yard waste and you know, they bag it up and put it at the curb, whatever. It strikes me that a lot of those families maybe can't afford that \$100, and that over time, you know, you might be able to sort of use it and then once you've changed or you've tailored your habits to where you're starting to recycle more, you could then give that back, or sort of have a deposit, and send that back.

The other thing is you know, since it runs with the house, what if you sell the house and you go to a larger home or something like that? You can't take it with you. Do you have to buy that again?

I think I would just encourage there to be more of a program where instead of having to purchase that, essentially, that it's more of a deposit. You can put a \$100 deposit down but then you could turn it back in and get most, if not all, of your money back or at least be able to transfer that can to a new residence at some point.

**Todd Chamberlain:** Okay, and I certainly understand your perspective and I would be more than glad to take that information. Actually I've not had anyone request that to date but as such I will be glad to discuss that with Evansville Water & Sewer Utility and discuss that option with them and get their perspective as well.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** I appreciate that.

**Todd Chamberlain:** No problem.

**Councilwoman Mosby:** And this actually lowered our rates.

**Todd Chamberlain:** Absolutely, yes. You know, if you look at it from a very general perspective, the City of Evansville was able to lower the rates to the residents and provide them with two very stable, sturdy both trash and recycle containers that we maintain for the entire ten-year contract and reduce that rate. So it is, from that general perspective, a really good thing for the residents.

**Councilman Friend:** Todd, you're going to save some injuries out there too because I think...

**Todd Chamberlain:** Absolutely.

**Councilman Friend:** A lot of people have been getting back and shoulders and a lot of Workman's Comp.

**Todd Chamberlain:** It's really a situation where it's good for the residents and it's also good for employee in that we are no longer requiring those drivers to manually lift 40 and 50 pound bags, every day, day in and day out. Rick could probably verify this but an average load on a standard garbage truck is what, eight, nine tons per day?

**Rick Turbeville:** Yes.

**Todd Chamberlain:** And then a driver will typically have two trips so when you look at that and you take that off him physically, actually throwing those bags day in and day out, it absolutely extends the life of a worker so it is good for the employee. We have talked at great length about, you know, the change from moving to our own carts to, you know, our own trashcans, to a rolling cart. It is a very stable cart. It is on wheels. It is relatively easy to move. It has an attached lid. It will eliminate the problem of a torn bag or a can being pushed over by a you know, a raccoon or an unwanted pest out there in an alleyway or in your yard. So those things will be eliminated and our city will be cleaner as a result.

**President Robinson:** I didn't hear you say bags, but you are still going to put garbage bags inside there, aren't you?

**Todd Chamberlain:** Absolutely. You put the garbage bag inside the can and then the automated arm will actually grab the can and dump it, or in select cases, there will be incidences where the driver will roll it to the back of the vehicle and it will automatically tip it up that way, depending on whether you are an alley pick-up or curbside. Then even some of the more narrow alleys, even one I was in today, I could get my truck down it. Our very professional drivers actually do a very nice job of getting our trucks through the alleyways and not on the posts and the poles and everything else. They do a nice job.

**President Robinson:** Councilman Lindsey.

**Councilman Lindsey:** I've only got one question. Will this affect the number of employees that you will have at your business?

**Todd Chamberlain:** At this time, we see it as neutral because there are obviously retirees, people who are going to, through normal attrition, leave the company. But at this point we see it as neutral, no more, no less.

**Councilman Lindsey:** Okay because basically, you eliminate one person on each vehicle, right Am I correct on that?

**Todd Chamberlain:** You do not run...Rick, you could probably address that.

**Rick Turbeville:** *(Inaudible)* No lay-offs, nothing like that *(Inaudible)*

**Councilman Lindsey:** But eventually, you will have less employees. Am I right on that or wrong?

**Rick Turbeville:** *(Inaudible)*

**Councilman Lindsey:** Okay, all right, thank you.

**Todd Chamberlain:** That's what we expect.

**President Robinson:** So it's one person per truck now?

**Todd Chamberlain:** On very select routes, that is what is called the automated side-loader and those routes, in many cases, are currently still one-man routes. So it's really a change in a piece of equipment. If you are running the alleys, the alleys will still have that which we call the helper routes. You have the primary driver and an additional person, and at this time, those are temporary laborers.

**President Robinson:** Councilman Adams.

**Councilman Adams:** Perhaps Councilwoman Riley, adding some protective Iomitol to your cookie batter might get you better service.

**Rick Turbeville:** *(Inaudible)* Christmas cookies. I appreciate that and these guys work very hard.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Oh yeah, no absolutely, and I have two two-year olds. I put out diapers. I understand. That's why I put out the cookies because I was like, I put out a year of diapers.

**Rick Turbeville:** Every driver's route has been changed and you probably have got somebody, you know, it's an *(Inaudible)*.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Yeah, I live on a...there are only two houses. There are two and two on my block so I mean there is just me and my neighbor on the one side and so I assumed something...I didn't think about having a different driver.

**Rick Turbeville:** They are all different drivers when we went from four days to five days so all the drivers have got, actually, maps *(Inaudible)*.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Okay. So they are still figuring it out.

**Todd Chamberlain:** And if you are willing to, after the meeting in a non-public forum, willing to share your address, I'll make sure that we look at that specific one and make sure we get it taken care of for you.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Okay, thank you.

**Councilman Weaver:** *(Inaudible)* see if a six-pack helps.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I should have put out...

**Todd Chamberlain:** I don't know about any six-pack.

**Councilwoman Mosby:** Todd, I just want to thank you. There have been several times where my neighborhood associations have called and had some issues with trash pick-ups. You guys have always been there and helped so I appreciate that.

One question though that's out there. How are we coming along on the contract? Can you address that?

**Todd Chamberlain:** Sure.

**Rick Turbeville:** Do you want me to address that? Our door is open. I talked to our corporate office today on seeing where we are at and getting the union back to the table and so, you know, we've done the last contact. It's up to them to come back to the table and talk to us.

**Todd Chamberlain:** And to that point, all of our drivers are back at work. That is the way we prefer it. We want to insure that our drivers continue to earn their wages and their benefits and remain employed, you know, through the company as we see it today. You know, that situation has been at various levels all the way from a national/global perspective, all the way back down now to a more of a regional/local situation. So we are open and we are willing to listen at any time. But everyone is back to work and we hope to continue.

**Councilwoman Mosby:** Thank you. That's my question. Thank you.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I spoke with Mr. Whobrey today, actually, on that issue. I just have one quick question; I get this one a lot. What happens if something happens to my can? If my can is stolen, disappears...who...do I have to buy it, buy a replacement?

**Todd Chamberlain:** The short answer is contact us and we will...first of all, it is...it has a serial number, both the MSW and recycle, to the address. We will go out and research it. Ed Ziemer and I have kind of talked about, you know, who's going to be the trashcan police. There is not a trashcan police per se, but there is a level of accountability to make sure these cans stay where they should be. We will come out and research to find out...and in a lot of cases, someone who saw that can first and they grabbed it first before their neighbor actually got it in or put in its location, one of the things we found, and we've rolled out programs all over the country like this, you take a lot of that away when everybody has one. If we were only giving it to a certain area, a great example of that is the pilot area. When we only gave them to the pilot area, within the core City of Evansville, they started showing up out everywhere else because people liked them and wanted to have that can. We saw them in the county, which is the way all the county collection is done so to that point, if yours is reported stolen, we'll come out and research it. It is our responsibility to provide the can and we will replace it as necessary.

**Councilman Weaver:** I've been watching the cans in Akin park for probably the last six or eight months sitting out there and nobody touches them, nobody knocks them over, nobody has stolen them so I don't think there is going to be an issue.



**Todd Chamberlain:** I think if you have a personality difference between your, you know, neighbors, you might have some issues with trashcans. But then you are going to have issues with where you park your car, where your leaves fall, you know, those kinds of things as well so...

**President Robinson:** Dan.

**Councilman McGinn:** What do you do with your yard waste?

**Todd Chamberlain:** Your yard waste, actually...now yard waste defined as grass clippings, rosebush clippings, that type of thing that comes of your bushes in a normal, standard residential house, that goes in with your trash. Then in the fall, we will do a special eight-week leaf pick-up that is dedicated just for leaves. We will take those leaves, they are ground, mulched and turned and then we'll use that as an alternative for dirt at the landfill because we have to actually cover. So rather than going out and getting more soil, we are going to use that material as an alternative daily cover so there is a reuse for it. It does still go within the footprint of the landfill, but it keeps us from buying, you know, having to go out and get tons of dirt from other sources so soil conservation. But the standard yard waste that you have, whether that be grass clippings, rosebush clippings, you know, your hedges, that stuff goes in with your trash now.

**Stan Wheeler:** (*Inaudible*) my yard gets a lot of stuff in it. That's going to fill that 96 gallon .

**Todd Chamberlain:** And in certain cases, that may be the case. As we look at the program and how it was initiated and designed, when you remove as much material out of your waste stream and into your recycling stream, you will have as much space as available in that can because that is one option for it.

**Stan Wheeler:** I recycle and I've got a compacter as well so hopefully I'll be all right.

**President Robinson:** Thank you Todd for coming and (*Inaudible*)...

**Todd Chamberlain:** Thank you very much. Any questions?

**President Robinson:** Thanks for helping explain everything.

**Todd Chamberlain:** No problem. Thank you.

**President Robinson:** Next the City Council Board Appointments for 2013. I need a motion accept all the appointments highlighted in yellow.

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman Adams seconded. Voice vote. So moved. Thank you.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A.S.D. COMMITTEE:**

Nothing scheduled at this time.

**CHAIRMAN RILEY**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Nothing scheduled at this time.

**CHAIRMAN FRIEND**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Nothing scheduled at this time.

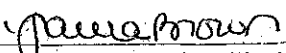
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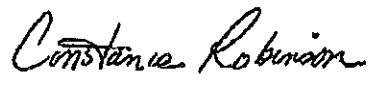
## ADJOURNMENT

**President Robinson:** Can I have a motion for adjournment?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilwoman Riley seconded the motion to adjourn.  
Voice Vote. So Ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

  
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Laura Brown, City Clerk

  
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Constance Robinson, President